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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: WATANABE et al

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For: RAFFINOSE SYNTHASE GENES AND THEIR USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 1997

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIM 21: Line 2, delete ", 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 or 16"

CLAIM 22: Line 2, delete ", 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17 or 18"

CLAIM 24: Line 3, change ", 22 or 23" to to --or 22--

CLAIM 25: Line 3, change ", 22 or 23" to to --or 22--

CLAIM 26: Line 3, change ", 22 or 23" to to --or 22--

CLAIM 27: Line 3, change ", 22 or 23" to to --or 22--

CLAIM 28: Line 3, delete ", 25, 26 or 27"

CLAIM 29: Line 3, delete ", 25, 26 or 27"

CLAIM 30: Lines 1 and 2, delete ", 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,